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TWENTIETH BIENNIAL SESSION.

The twentieth biennial session of the Oregon legislature closed at 7:30 p. m. on Saturday last, and whatever may be said or thought of its actions of one thing we are certain, that with of course the usual exceptions, no more honest nor conscientious body of legislators ever assembled to make laws for the state. Many of the things which it has done, and many of the laws it has passed will of course meet with adverse criticism, but it is impossible to please everyone. Laws were passed that do not meet with our personal approval, but we recognize the fact that they meet the approval of a majority of honest men and are content to try them.

Severe criticisms and whole-sale denunciation of legislatures and their actions seems to be the fashion in Oregon. Such a fashion is deserving of condemnation. It is wholly unwarranted and besides bringing discredit on the state it has the effect of keeping men who dislike unjust criticism out of legislatures.

The appropriation bill is large, but it must be remembered that we are a growing state and that each succeeding bill of that nature must of necessity be larger than the one that preceded it. The needs of the state institutions must increase with our population. The state has too many schools in its charge, but being under its care they must be provided for. The unfortunate and the vicious must increase with population and they must be cared for. The business in the executive offices is increasing, and the state lands and the school fund are constantly requiring greater care and attention, and there seems to be no possible way to provide for these things except in the appropriation bill, so it grows larger as the state grows in wealth and population, and we see no help for it.

Many very good laws were enacted at the session just closed. The registration law which passed was a crying need of the state. It will be signed by the governor and this time it will stand the constitutional test. The school laws were amended in several important particulars, notably the granting of state papers. No one can get a state certificate now except by working up to it from the third grade county certificate, or those who have taken a five years course above the grammar school, in some chartered educational institution of the state, and then only after passing the regular examination.

The method of selecting text books has also been changed. The new law provides that the governor shall appoint five text-book commissioners, and this takes the matter of school books out of the hands of the American Book Co. that has had a monopoly of the business for the past fifteen years, and opens the matter up to competition so that we will get good books cheaper than heretofore.

The assessment laws have been improved, the land laws of the state have been codified and improved, and the interest on loans made from the school fund has been reduced to 6 per cent; this will apply to old loans as well as new after the interest has been paid up.

Many other useful and necessary laws were passed, and although it has some extravagances to answer for yet on the whole the 20th biennial session of the legislature of Oregon has a good record.

MEETS WITH APPROVAL.

The new bicycle law meets with almost universal approval among the cyclists of this section, so far as the tax and the use of the funds arising therefrom is concerned. But there is one feature of the law that the wheelmen of Benton county look upon as most unjust and that is the exemption clause. So far as it relates to the counties of Eastern Oregon and to the coast counties it is well enough, but when such counties as Linn, Lane, Polk, Yamhill and Washington are exempt from the force of such an enactment then something is wrong. Not only does such exemption work an injustice to the wheelmen of the counties where the act is in force but it seriously retards the work of

progress along these lines. As it now is, the Linn county wheelman who travels through Benton county receives the benefit of the improved paths in the latter county, but when the Bentonite wheels through Linn county he gets no return favor. This applies equally to all the exempt counties in the Willamette valley especially. It is another manifestation of the smallness, selfishness, narrowness and mossiness of the average citizen. One is not so much surprised that Linn and Lane would line up against any progressive movement, but how Polk, Yamhill and Washington could be wheedled into a position of this kind is indeed strange.

The wheel is a piece of business machinery and it has come to stay, and any reasonable law that will encourage the betterment of wheeling facilities, and especially when the burden falls equally upon the wheelmen while the benefits are divided with the public, is good, just, progressive and statesmanlike.

The wheelmen of Benton county may well feel proud of their position among the wide-awake, intelligent citizens of the state. It is undoubtedly to the activity of our wheelmen as manifested in their organization last year that we are with the moving column of counties in this great work of road improvement.

Had the wheelmen of these other localities been awake they might have prevented such a disgraceful piece of legislation as this exemption clause makes.

Still in one of these counties our wheelmen have personal knowledge that their own mossiness is equal to that of their delegations, to whom undoubtedly was due the insertion of the names of the exempt counties.

What more than local good can come from making cycle paths in Benton at one end and Multnomah at the other. Had these other counties done their plain, simple duty, nothing more, there could have been a system of cycle paths from one end of the valley to the other, of vast benefit to all country wheelmen alike. These exempt better wake up, pull the moss off their backs and get into line with the progress of the coming century.

The change in the name of this paper and the increased business and responsibility which necessarily go with it came on us a little sooner than we were prepared for it, and while part of the force was absent. It is our intention to make the UNION-GAZETTE one of the best weekly papers in Oregon, but the changes will take some time and we ask our readers to be patient with us. The newspaper business is unlike any other in this respect, it must not get in debt. Its income is solely through the labor expended in it, and increased labor does not always produce increased income. In our particular case this is so, and we will have to go a little slower than we would like to on this account. But wait. We promise you a larger and as good a paper if not better than you ever got in Benton county, and we won't be very long about it either.

Perhaps one-half of the bills passed during the session of the Oregon legislature just closed were local bills. When a local measure comes up for consideration, the members content themselves with the assurance from the members of the locality that asks for legislation that they want it, after which they are satisfied with it and vote for it. Indeed it would be considered a piece of impertinence to vote against a measure that a certain delegation wanted for his own county, unless some strong reason was presented against it. This was exactly the case with the Portland tax collector bill of which the Oregonian complains so bitterly. No one was in Salem working against it, and the delegation from Multnomah county wanted it, and so it passed; and up to date no one who voted for it has been presented with any good reason why he should have done otherwise.

The one distinguishing peculiarity of the bicyclist seems to be his objection to tax. Last year his grievance was tacks on the bicycle path; this year it is tax on the bicycle.

Wanted.

To employ a young person, skilled in shorthand and typewriting, good penman, accurate in figures, with careful habits, able to glean information from county records. Apply in writing to "THE OREGON UNION."

"Letters of Gold in Pictures of Silver."

TO THE EDITOR:—Will you please publish the following extract from President McKinley's address to the Home Market Club, of Boston, on the 10th inst. I have read nothing to equal it. It is a volume of imperative.

JOHN BURNETT.

"No imperial designs lurk in the American mind. They are alien to American sentiment, thought and purpose. Our priceless principles undergo no change under a tropical sun. They go with the flag; they are wrought in every one of its sacred folds and are inextinguishable in its shining stars.

"Why read ye not the changeless truth, The free can conquer but to save."

"If we can benefit these remote peoples, who will object? If in the years of the future they are established in government under law and liberty, who will regret our perils and sacrifices; who will not rejoice in our heroism and humanity? Always perils and always after them safety; always darkness and clouds, but always shining through them the light and sunshine; always cost and sacrifice, but always after them the fruition of liberty, education and civilization.

"I have no light or knowledge not common to my countrymen. I do not prophesy. The present is all-absorbing to me, but I cannot bound my vision by the blood-stained trenches around Manila, where every red drop, whether from the veins of an American soldier or a misguided Filipino, is anguish to my heart; but by the broad range of future years, when that group of islands, under the impulse of the year just passed, shall have become the gems and glories of those tropical seas, a land of plenty and of increasing possibilities, a people redeemed from savage violence and habits, devoted to the arts of peace, in touch with the commerce and trade of all nations enjoying the blessings of freedom, of civil and religious liberty, of education and of homes, and whose children and children's children shall for ages hence bless the American republic because it emancipated and redeemed their fatherland and set them in the pathway of the world's best civilization.

No. 4301.

Report of the Condition of

the First National Bank of Corvallis, at Corvallis, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 4th, 1899.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$79,682.21
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	50,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	2,843.76
U. S. Bonds, securities, etc.	61,518.25
Banking-house, furniture and fixture	20,974.11
Other real estate and mortgages owned	1,859.33
Due from National Banks—ins. Re-	
serve Agents	8,671.45
Due from State Banks and Banks	7,130.00
Due from approved reserve agents	11,773.82
Checks and other cash items	1,023.34
Notes of other National Banks	715.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	97.94
LAWRENCE MONEY RESERVE FUND	
Specie	\$34,435.65
Legal-tender notes	1,137.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer—5 per cent. of circulation	2,250.00
Total	\$304,291.08
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	4,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,019.24
National Bank notes outstanding	43,250.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	423.37
Individual deposits subject to check	136,056.43
Demand certificates of deposit	49,017.04
Liabilities other than those above stated	200.00
Total	\$304,291.08

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF BENTON, ss: I, Walter T. Wiles, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WALTER T. WILES, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February, 1899.
E. HOLGATE, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. E. MOORE,
M. S. WOODCOCK,
Geo. E. LILLY,
Directors.

Executor's Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the estate of Peter W. Mason and Hannah R. Mason, deceased, pursuant to an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, made on the 3rd day of January, 1899, and of the 11th day of February, 1899, and duly entered in the journal of said court, will on the 25th day of March, 1899, between nine o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon, to-wit, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon of that day, at the front door of the court house, in the city of Corvallis, in Benton county, Oregon, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the interest that said estate has in and to the following described real estate to-wit:

Lots 5 and 6 in block 3, in the town of Philomath, in Benton county, State of Oregon. Also, beginning at the S. E. corner of the don. land claim, No. 50, T. 12 S. R. 6 W., thence running west on south line of said claim 71 rods, thence north 105 rods to the center of Mary's river, thence down said river with the meanders thereof to the head of a certain slough, thence on a straight line to the mouth of said slough, thence down said river again with its meanders to the east line of said don. land claim, thence south on the east line of said claim to place of beginning, containing 30 acres, in Benton county, Oregon, belonging to said estate, to pay funeral charges, expenses of administration and claims against said estate, and for distribution of proceeds under the will of said deceased.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1899.
JOHN L. AKIN,
Executor.

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Notice to Creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed the administrator of the estate of Alice A. Beal, deceased, by the county court, of the state of Oregon, for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, properly verified, to me at my residence eight miles north of Corvallis, in Benton county, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.
Dated at Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 15, 1899.
WILLIAM A. BEAL,
Administrator of the estate of Alice A. Beal, deceased.

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